



## City of Gaithersburg Press Release

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### For Immediate Release

### Explore the Night Sky with Astronomer Skip Bird

**Gaithersburg, MD (January 13, 2021)** The Gaithersburg Community Museum invites you to Explore the Night Sky with astronomer Skip Bird. The virtual Skywatching event takes place on Saturday, January 23, 2021, at 7 p.m. on the [Community Museum Facebook page](#). All ages are invited to join.

Use the "I" word to explore things like comets (by making one), asteroids and the dinosaurs and any upcoming meteor showers. Don't know what the "I" word is? Join the Community Museum and astronomer Skip Bird to find out. Learn fun and unique ways to leave the planet, journey to the stars and still be back in time for dinner, and much more.

Wayne "Skip" Bird is a NASA Heliophysics Ambassador and presently the Outreach Director/Night Sky Network Guru for the Westminster Astronomical Society. He is also a "MAD" science teacher for the TGIF home school group, author of "Night Flying Astronomy Bird" articles, and owner of <http://www.skipbirdsciencenerd.com>

RSVP to the Facebook event [here](#).

Located in the restored 1884 B&O Railroad Station complex near the intersection of Summit and Diamond Avenues in Olde Towne, the Gaithersburg Community Museum features educational exhibits and programs designed to spark interest and imagination about our City's history. It is currently open by appointment only. Learn more [here](#). Nearby [Observatory Park](#) is open for self-guided tours. The [Gaithersburg Latitude Observatory](#) was one of six located around the globe that measures the wobble of the Earth its polar axis to aid in navigation. The Observatory was in operation from 1899 to 1982.

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